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**SUBJECT: UPDATE III – CITIZENSHIP VERIFICATION – VITAL RECORD  
CROSS MATCH**

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, federal legislation under the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act mandated the verification of citizenship and identity for all applicants and recipients of Medicaid. Since that time, Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) has been working with Research and Data Analysis (RDA) to develop an automated cross match between our recipient Medicaid population and Center for Health Statistics Vital Records data which would meet federal requirements for Tier 2 Citizenship verification. Our goal has been to reduce the impact of this federal mandate on field staff responsible for processing eligibility reviews. To date, RDA has been able to successfully match approximately 380,000 Medicaid recipients.

Effective September 23, 2006, the RDA data will be uploaded to ACES and workers will see a new ACES verification code "EW" on the client's DEM2 screen in the Citizenship Verification field. This new code will mean that Citizenship has been verified for this individual client and equates to a Tier 2 document. Effective with the ACES 'AR' release on October 15, edits will be added to the verification code to prevent updates of the "EW" valid value. Until then, field staff in the local offices should not make changes to this code. After the 'AR' release, the Citizenship Central Unit will have the ability to make changes should this be necessary.

Field staff will still need to verify identity for clients where citizenship has been verified by the cross match. The new "EW" code only verifies citizenship and affected clients will still need to provide identity verification. A completed, signed *Citizenship Documentation and Identity Declaration Form* (13-789) will meet the identity requirements for children under the age of 16.

For additional information on these changes, please feel free to contact your Regional Medical Eligibility Representative.

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